

NO TAX DODGING IN ALEXANDRIA

Grand Jury Finds That Returns of Commissioner Are Correct.

CALLAHAN PRAISED.

Charges Presented by State Auditor Moore are 'Unfounded' is Finding of Special Jury.

The special grand jury which was yesterday charged by Judge Louis C. Barley of the Corporation Court to investigate the tax returns of Alexandria rendered a report today at noon, in which they found that there were no violations of the law.

The report of the grand jury to the Judge of the Corporation Court will be found in full below. It is a source of gratification to all Alexandrians to know that there has been no attempt on the part of our citizens to evade taxation upon personal property.

The grand jury went into the matter thoroughly and gave the books of the commissioner of the revenue a close examination. As had been anticipated, they found no discrepancies and nothing upon which to base complaint. The grand jury also speaks commendatory of Commissioner of the Revenue Callahan for the correct manner in which he has performed his duty.

The report is as follows: To the Honorable Judge of the Corporation Court, Alexandria, Va. Honorable Corporation Court: We, the members of the Special Grand Jury, in obedience to your instructions have examined into the affairs presented to us by the Honorable Commonwealth's Attorney, and have reported to the Honorable Court the result of our findings in each case.

Following your instructions, further, we have examined the books showing the amount, and the different kinds of personal property in the City of Alexandria reported for taxation for the year 1912. We have had the Commissioner of Revenue before us, and have gone over with him the different schedules of personal property for taxation as reported to the Auditor of the Commonwealth. These exhibits are furnished by the office of the State Auditor, and they show the amount of personal property for taxation as reported for from every City and County throughout the State. Comparing the tax lists returned to the Honorable Corporation Court by the Commissioner of Revenue with the Personal Property book for 1912, we find no discrepancies; further, our investigation convinces us that no attempt has been made by the tax payers of this city to evade taxation. There may be a few isolated cases, which have not come under our notice, where improper returns have been made. These we are convinced, are the results of the misunderstanding of the law bearing on the subject of personal property taxation.

As to the failures of communities, in general, to report automobiles for assessment, upon which the Auditor in his suggestions to grand juries in their investigations, seems to lay particular stress, we find upon examination, a number of machines enumerated in the list furnished by him are not assessed. Many of the owners, however, named in this list are not residents of the City of Alexandria. The residents of our own City mentioned have either reported their machines for taxation, or they have purchased them since February, 1912, the date on which taxes accrue consequently, no dereliction of duty on the part of the Commissioner of Revenue, or intended evasion of taxation by local owners of automobiles can be charged. We have failed to find a single case where this class of property had been omitted, when it should have been listed for taxation.

We recommend that the City Council be asked to change its law as to the time of commencing the assessment of personal property for city purposes, and that the time be so changed that it may conform to the State Law. This change, in our

CAMERON CLUB MEETING.

Officers Elected for Year 1912-1913. Handsome Calendar Published.

The first meeting of the Cameron Club for the year 1912-1913 met last evening at the residence of the president, Miss Helen N. Cummings. It was solely a business meeting pertaining to the programme for the club meetings that are to follow and an election of officers was held.

The present officers were re-elected. President, Miss Helen Cummings, Vice-President, Miss Roberts, Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Howard, Treasurer, Miss M. Ashby.

Three of the board members whose term had expired were re-elected, Mrs. Edward Leadbeater, Miss Chandler, and Miss Cummings.

A discussion concerning the Federation of Clubs was the closing feature of the meeting.

A most beautiful calendar has been gotten up by Miss Cummings in conjunction with the Federation of Clubs. It is very artistic and the photographs selected by each club represented are most attractive. The sale price most reasonable for such a prettily arranged calendar, is twenty-five cents, and anyone who would care to possess one or to purchase one for some one who would be interested in the possession of such a souvenir, can order them from any member of the Cameron Club provided the order is given within the next two or three weeks.

POLICE COURT

(Justice H. B. Caton, Presiding.)

The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Stephen Timney, charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, was sent to the workhouse for twenty days.

Boyd McGee, colored, charged with disorderly conduct towards his wife, was dismissed.

A young white man charged with being drunk, was sent to jail for twenty days.

John Bryant, colored, charged with leaving the jail, had ninety days added to his term.

Will Remain in Alexandria.

The announcement, which will be found elsewhere in the Gazette, to the effect that Mr. E. C. Graham, the well known and popular tailor, will remain in this city, will be read with pleasure by the many citizens who have been served by him during many years. Mr. Graham has opened a merchant tailoring establishment at 102 St. Asaph street, where he will be pleased to fill orders for his many friends.

Fog Causes Wrecks.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Wrecks which caused six fatal injuries, were traced directly to a dense fog which hid the entire south section of Chicago early today and made it impossible to see more than ten feet.

Three persons were hurt when a Pennsylvania passenger train crashed into a street car at One Hundred and Sixth street.

Death of Mr. O'Malley.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 24.—Monignor, J. P. O'Malley, of Pittston, one of the highest and best known dignitaries in the Scranton Roman Catholic diocese, died early today aged 80.

Mr. O'Malley was stationed in West Philadelphia three years after his ordination.

To Prevent Violence.

Rome, Oct. 24.—The police today adopted rigid precautions to prevent violence from developing in connection with a procession planned here by local anarchists for tonight in commemoration of the Chicago executions in 1887. The proposed public demonstration was proposed but the anarchists were told to meet privately if the authorities are told who will be present that they may keep them all under surveillance until they return to their homes.

Judgement, will be a great assistance to the Commissioner of Revenue in the discharge of his duties.

In conclusion, we think we would be unfair, did we not commend our worthy Commissioner of Revenue for the faithful and conscientious manner, as shown by the records of his office, in which he has discharged his many exacting duties.

W. H. SWEENEY,
Foreman.

TURKS AND ALLIES CLAIM VICTORIES

Conflicting Reports Received of Battle of Kirk Kilissa.

THOUSANDS KILLED.

Executions of Bulgarians—Seventy Christians, Including a Priest are Massacred.

London, Oct. 24.—The Bulgarians have captured Kirk Kilissa, according to a message from Sofia to the Exchange Telegraph Company this afternoon. There is no confirmation.

Budapest, Oct. 24.—That the Servians have captured a part of the Albanian town of Kumanova where the Turk's claim to have routed King Peter's forces was asserted in a message from Belgrade this afternoon. The dispatch said fighting was still raging.

London, Oct. 24.—The Turk and the Balkan allies again sent out conflicting reports today concerning the progress of the battle of Kirk Kilissa.

The Turkish version was that the Bulgarians had been driven back across the frontier and that 30,000 Bulgarian troops were routed and fled in disorder at Maras. The Bulgarians maintained that they have met with an uninterrupted series of successes, taking Turkish defense after defense in the face of a furious resistance.

On one point accounts agreed that thousands have been killed. Estimates of actual fight, however, were very vague.

A story was telegraphed from Sofia of a Bulgarian aviator who planned recklessly over the Adrianople forts at a height of 1,200 feet and returned safely to headquarters through repeatedly fired at, with complete plans of the Turkish defenses.

In Albania the Turks professed to have routed the Servians and inflicted heavy reverses on the Montenegrins. The Servian account is that King Peter's troops are closing in about Uskub and defeating the Turks everywhere they meet them.

Greek reports alone remained uncontradicted. They professed to have been completely victorious over the Turks in the Southwest and to be driving the enemy before them like sheep, capturing quantities of ammunition, arms, and supplies.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 24.—Among a number of persons summarily shot here today for offenses in connection with the war was a government official who gave a receipt to a contractor for forty tons of cheese for the soldiers, though only thirty had been supplied, an act a Red Cross nurse who had sold information to the Turks.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The massacre of 70 Christians and a Christian priest in the town of Servia, Turkey, by Turkish soldiers before they abandoned the place to the advancing Greek army, was reported to the Greek Legation here today.

Confirmation of the Greek victory over the Turks was reported. The cablegram said that the Greeks were pursuing the Turks through the mountains of Conouina and the valley of akamon. The Greeks captured a number of Turkish soldiers, among them a colonel. It was also stated that the town of Calfoa in Epirus, had been captured by the Greeks.

Waiting For The Verdict.

New York, Oct. 24.—The fate of Police Lieut. Charles Becker, is in the hands of the jury.

At precisely 1:55 o'clock Justice Goff concluded his charge to the 12 men who are to pronounce the defendant guilty of the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal, and declare him innocent and give him back his freedom.

The charge was long, and was made in an even passionless voice, but those who heard it seemed impressed with its justice and fairness. And from it the jury has little chance of other than returning a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree or one freeing the defendant entirely.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Howard W. Smith has sold to J. G. Graham houses 918-920 Queen St.

Sturgeon, red salmon, butterfish, rockfish, salmon, trout, grey trout, and large cat fish will be for sale the remainder of the week. Geo. E. Price & Co.

Otho Hicks was arrested today by Chief Goods at the request of the Washington authorities who charge him with embezzlement.

There was no meeting of the Wilson-Marshall Carlin club last night, owing to the absence of Judge Norton, the president. A meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the rooms of the organization.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

J. E. W. Timberman, of Alexandria, Appointed Grand Royal Arch Captain.

The one hundred and fifth grand annual convocation of the Royal Arch Masons, Grand Chapter of Virginia, which has been in session in Richmond since Tuesday was concluded last night. In the election of officers for the ensuing year the honor of being chosen grand high priest fell to Sol Cutchins, of Richmond, who has been grand king of the order since the last convocation.

Following close upon the meeting of the Grand Chapter yesterday comes the grand annual convocation of the Virginia Commandery, Knights Templar, which will be held today. In this connection, the parade and review which will be given this afternoon, will be one of the most spectacular events which Richmond has ever seen. It will close with address parade on the campus of Richmond College, when the line will be inspected by the right eminent grand commander.

The full list of officers chosen by the Grand Chapter last night is as follows:

Grand High Priest—Sol Cutchins, Richmond; grand king, J. W. C. Bryant, Clifton Forge; grand scribe, J. H. Adams, Jr., Lynchburg; grand treasurer, George W. Poe, Richmond (re-elected); grand secretary, James B. Blanks, Petersburg (re-elected).

The new grand high priest appointed the remaining officers as follows: Grand captain of host, J. W. S. But, Portsmouth; grand principal journeyman, John R. Charleton, Richmond; grand royal arch captain, J. E. W. Timberman, Alexandria; grand master third vail, James Bowman, Roanoke; grand master second vail, James H. Price, Richmond; grand master first vail John T. Cochran, The Plains; deputy grand secretary, Charles A. Nesbit, Richmond; deputy grand treasurer, J. J. English, Jr., Richmond; grand chaplain, Rev. F. T. McFadden, D. D., Richmond; grand marshal, Oscar J. Adams, Richmond; grand tiler, James A. Pamplin, Richmond.

William H. Charles, of Alexandria, was appointed deputy grand high priest for the first district.

Police Doubt Story.

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 24.—That Rose Bruno was decoyed to the lonely roadway outside of Stratford and slain as a warning to other white slaves who might hope to rebel against their masters seemed certain today. The police admittedly do not believe that the story told by her confessed slayer "Chicago Joe" Buonomo, is the truth. He told half a dozen conflicting stories since his arrest, but the police say the woman, before fleeing from Chicago, gave information against slavers there and that this was the direct cause of her murder.

Postoffices Robbed.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 24.—Three yeggmen today blew the postoffice safe here and escaped in an automobile with \$1,000 in stamps and \$63 in cash. They started toward Newark. Just outside two policemen intercepted the car, the three "yeggmen" escaping into the woods. The negro was captured.

North Reading, Mass., Oct. 24.—Safe robbers dynamited the postoffice safe here early today. They were frightened away before they could blow open the inner door.

ALUMNAE OF ST. MARY'S BANQUET

Delightful Reunion of Graduates of Alexandria's Noted Institution.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Matters Relating to Rebuilding of Organization Are Discussed—Many Guests Are Present.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, St. Mary's spacious parlors which deft and willing hands had transformed into beautiful banquet halls where college pennants and the St. Mary's Academy colors blended with palms, ferns, roses and chrysanthemums to make the scene a veritable fairyland, was last night crowded with its old girls come back to keep tryst again with Alma Mater. It was alumnae night and from hours of six when the alumnae began to arrive until near midnight when the last departed, the school halls echoed again with their gaiety as in the palmy days of girlhood.

At six o'clock the class of 1913 entertained the alumnae in the assembly hall, replete to the younger members of many a well rendered program in which they had been, not the interested listeners, but the happy participants. Virginia Downey opened the exercises with a well rendered piano solo, the classes 1912 and '13 gave a delightful farce, "Young Doctor Devine," recitations were ably rendered by Florence Evans and Ruth Morgan, and a play in two acts, "The Battle of the Books," with children of the alumnae as the young actresses was a very pleasing number. Mildred Goods then offered in the name of Alma Mater greetings to the Alumnae and the exercises closed with a piano duet by Mildred and Pauline Helmhuth.

The president, Mrs. James Bales, then announced the business meeting and election of officers which resulted as follows: Miss Ella Hill, president; Mrs. Guido Kengla, of Washington, vice-president; Miss Mary Kavanaugh, secretary; Miss Teresa Waters, of Washington, treasurer; Miss Margaret Greene, historian, and Miss Madeline Byrne, librarian. Other matters, relative to the rebuilding of their organization and its work in behalf of Alma Mater was then discussed, and at 8 o'clock all formed ranks as in school days and proceeded to the banquet hall, where the following menu was splendidly served by Rammel Bros., and done ample justice to by the young women who, elegantly attired and beautiful with the glad joy which their happy hearts reflected, added a new charm to the already glorious scene.

Menu

Canape Diplomat
Blue Points Mignonette
Consomme Princess
Roast Spring Chicken Stuffed au Cresson
Pommes ala creme Petit Pois
Asperge au crouste
Smithfield Ham a la anglaise
Salade Chicken
Creme, Assortis Petit Fours
Camembert Bent's
Cafe Noir

At the conclusion of the banquet, Mrs. James Bales, the toast mistress, arose and offered her affectionate greetings to the Alumnae, then called upon Miss Malaine Grauman who ably responded to the toast, "The Clergy." Miss B. T. Greene, vice president of the organization of which she has been since its beginning a most devoted member, then gave expression of her love for Alma Mater in a charming tribute to "St. Mary's" which was followed by a burst of applause that testified she had struck a responsive chord in the hearts of all present. "Absent, but not Forgotten," was Miss Mary Kavanaugh's subject and her toast to the loved teachers and classmates whom distance prevented from being present was a happy one. Her tribute to Mother M. Bethlehem, who for five years so wisely directed the Academy, was warmly applauded. Miss Madeline Byrne then gave expression to her gratitude in the toast to "Our Teachers." It was a heart

tribute, and Miss Byrne did justice to her theme. Before concluding she offered to Sister M. Betina, the present able superior of St. Mary's a warm welcome in behalf of the Alumnae and assured her that they stood ready to aid in every way the upbuilding of St. Mary's to which and to its new superior she proudly wished, "Ad Multos Annos."

Father Cutler, the ever faithful friend of St. Mary's and its Alumnae, then gave expression to his feelings in a few words of congratulation at the success which has ever blessed the Academy and its old girls, and the happy reunion came to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and a "Evening Hymn to the Virgin," after which farewells were said and all went out from the old school to take up again life's duties and labors, but there was a new joy in their hearts, because of the brief hours they had spent with their loved Alma Mater.

The following were present at the banquet:

Rev. H. J. Cutler, Mrs. James Bales, Miss B. T. Greene, Sister M. Betina, (Superior), Miss Mattie Crilly, Miss Ella Hill, Miss Rosa Crilly, Miss Mary Harlow, Miss Mary Kavanaugh, Miss Angela Nevitt, Mrs. James Quinn, Mrs. Martin Greene, Mrs. Guido Kengla, Mrs. Frank Quinn, Miss Margaret Bashford, Mrs. Eva Adams, Mrs. Frank Beall, Mrs. William Quinn, Miss Emma McGahey, Mrs. Phillip Warren, Mrs. R. P. Torbert, Sister M. Aline, Mrs. J. T. Echolls, Miss Margaret Green, Miss Malinnie Graumann, Miss Mary Nugent, Miss Gertrude Crilly, Miss Mary Sweeney, Miss Georgia Liff, Miss Agnes Gilroy, Miss Marie Greene, Miss Esther Kuhn, Miss Katie Daly, Miss Theresa Waters, Mrs. E. C. Walker, Miss Madeline Byrne, Miss Ellen Jenkins, Miss Kathryn Sullivan, Miss Kathryn Brill, Miss Nellie Murphy, Miss Alice Hamill, Miss Katherine Waller, Miss Katherine Wescher, Miss Lillian Hill, Miss Helen Nugent, Miss Mildred Helmhuth, Miss Eva Crilly, Miss Mary Quinn, Miss Genevieve Crilly, Miss Christine Waggaman, Miss Ethel Stover, Miss Helen Mayer.

Regrets were received from the following: Sisters M. Venetie, Malita, and Ancilla, Misses Louise and Estelle Kearney, Mrs. William Brown, Misses Katharine Ahern, Katharine McKenna, Annie Beattie, Josephine and Margaret Daly, Lillian Crilly, Bernadette Allen, Jennie and Agnes Graumann, Nellie Studs, Mary Murphy, Dora Fisher, and Ethel McDonald.

Horse Recovered.

J. J. Cox, residing in the vicinity of Laurel, Md., came here yesterday and told the police that a horse which had been stolen from him by a negro, was at a lively stable in this city. The animal, it appears, had been placed in the stable by W. A. Franklin, of Fredericksburg, the latter having purchased it at a stable in Washington for twenty dollars. Franklin and W. E. Grady, also of Fredericksburg, Wm. Easton, deputy sheriff of Howard county, Md., and Cox, owner of the horse, were in the police court this morning, when it was shown that Franklin had committed no offense in purchasing the animal. It was agreed that the animal be turned over to Cox and that the deputy sheriff proceed to Washington with Franklin and see that his money was returned to him. The officer is on the trail of the negro who is charged with having stolen the horse.

Samuel Harrington, living in the Laurel neighborhood, had a horse stolen from him a few days ago.

Sent to the Work House.

A few days ago a well known knight of St. rispin was brought into the Police Court on the chronic charge of tarrying too long with the wine. He assured the court that if released he would shake the dust of Alexandria from his feet and proceed to Brooklyn. Justice Caton acceded to his request, but instead of leaving the city the delinquent resumed the losing game of butting the goat. He was taken in custody this morning and will spend the next thirty days as a guest of Joshua Sherwood on the corporation estate.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Meta Hyde Whiting, widow of N. H. Whiting, took place this afternoon from W. Demaine & Sons chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. P. P. Phillips and the interment was in Ivy Hill.

Norfolk Oysters Fried at Rammel's Cafe.

MEXICAN REVOLT BROUGHT TO END

Easy Capture of Vera Cruz and Rebel Leader Felix Diaz.

TROUBLE NOW OVER.

Present Government Firmly on Its Feet and Order in Country Will Soon be Restored.

New York, Oct. 24.—The United Press today received the following telegram from President Madero of Mexico:

"The federal troops easy capture of the important port of Vera Cruz, with Felix Diaz, the commander of the rebel movement there insures the speedy pacification of the entire country. Foreigners are assured of complete protection of their lives and property throughout the republic. It may be taken for granted that the period of trouble through which the country has passed is practically at an end."

Mexico City, Oct. 24.—Maderistas here jubilantly expressed the conviction today that the suppression of the Felix Diaz revolutionary attempt at Vera Cruz has set the present government firmly on its feet and that order throughout the entire country will be speedily restored.

The Diaz followers who, shut up in the Vera Cruz barracks, were refusing last night to surrender, were not regarded as a serious obstacle in the way of the restoration of peace, since they were even trying to escape.

Colonel Diaz Ordaz, Diaz's cousin, who joined him with his federal command at the outset of the uprising had not been captured when Vera Cruz was last heard from, but a detachment of federal troops was on his trail and news was momentarily expected that he had been made prisoner.

Colonel Jimenez Castro, the federal officer shot in the leg when the government forces entered Vera Cruz, was not seriously hurt.

Condition of Czarevitch.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—Startling rumors concerning the condition of the Czarevitch and the nature of the wound or ailment from which he is suffering were current here today.

One report is that the 8-year-old heir-to-the Russian throne was stricken by a Nihilist. Another was to the effect that he is the victim of a serious kidney trouble. Of none of these rumors was there the slightest verification nor was accurate information as to the boy's present state.

The Czarina, according to one report tried to leap from a high window when she learned how seriously her son was ill. She and her sister Princess Henry are nursing him personally.

From the fact that prayers are being offered in all the churches for the patient's recovery, it was believed he is in grave danger.

CORPORATION COURT.

(Judge L. C. Barley Presiding.)

Com. vs. Joseph Heyman, appeal from judgment of Police Court; fine of \$10 exceeding speed limit in automobile remitted, but lower court sustained in fining Heyman \$5 for contempt; appeal noted.

Frank McLearn vs. S. R. Nichols, and same vs. G. R. Randolph, removal; judgment for plaintiff.

D. S. Crockett vs. William Posey, removal; judgment for plaintiff.

Heyman Takes Appeal.

In the Police Court several weeks ago Joseph Heyman was fined \$10 for exceeding speed limit in an automobile. He was also fined \$5 for contempt of court. Heyman took an appeal to the Corporation Court and that case came before that tribunal today. Heyman being represented by Robinson Moncreur. The fine of \$10 was remitted, but the Police Court was sustained in imposing the fine of \$5 for contempt. Heyman announced that he would take an appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeals.